

Application No. 10/522,384
Art Unit: 3612

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.114
Attorney Docket No.: 052024

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please amend Figs. 1, 8 and 9 in accordance with the attached replacement sheets of drawings to label these figures with the legend "Prior Art".

REMARKS

Claim 3 has been amended as set forth above. The amendment to claim 3 is intended to clarify the meaning thereof and does not affect the scope or patentability of the claim. This amendment was not made for a reason related to patentability.

Figs. 1, 8 and 9 have been amended to add the legend "Prior Art". Accordingly, a new set of replacement sheets of the drawings has been prepared. The replacement sheets for the drawings are submitted herewith. Accordingly, it is submitted that the objection to the drawings has been overcome.

It is respectfully requested that the above amendments be entered in the instant application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and accompanying remarks, it is submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. A prompt and favorable consideration of the allowability of this application and an indication of allowability of all pending claims are earnestly solicited.

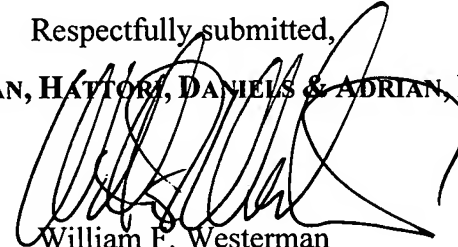
If the Examiner believes that there are issues remaining to be resolved in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite and complete prosecution of this case.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,
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Attachment: Replacement Drawings - 3 sheets